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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Tetsuji TOGAWA et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch  
Filed August 7, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 2001-1103

POLISHING APPARATUS  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/132,482,  
Filed August 11, 1998)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, before line 3:

A1 This is a Divisional Application of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/132,482, filed August 11, 1998 which is a Divisional Application of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/697,167, filed August 20, 1996, and now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,045.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 15 to page 11, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 The cleaning units 7a, 7b and 8a, 8b may be of any desired types. For example, the cleaning units 7a, 7b which are positioned near the polishing units 1a, 1b may be of the type which